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Public Works Department

Notification

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Whereas the superstructure of the span between pillar Nos. 10 and 11 of the New Mandovi Bridge under construction (hereinafter referred to as the "said span"), collapsed on 14-10-1990 at 5.15 p.m.;

And whereas the Government of Goa is of the opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 for the purpose of making an inquiry into the causes and circumstances leading to the collapse of the said span.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (Central Act 60 of 1952), (hereinafter called as the "said Act"), the Government of Goa hereby appoints a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. L. Pendse, a sitting Judge of the Bombay High Court (hereinafter called "the Commission"), to inquire into the causes and circumstances leading to the collapse of the said span of New Mandovi Bridge.

The terms of reference of the proposed inquiry shall be as follows:—

- (1) Whether the system of construction adopted and arrangements made to supervise the construction of the said span were technically sound.
- (2) Whether the material used for the construction of the said span was in accordance with the approved standards.
- (3) Whether any of the persons concerned with the construction and/or supervision of the said span

were responsible for any acts of omission or commission.

(4) The reasons for collapse of the said span between pillars No. 10 and 11.

(5) Any other incidental and ancillary matter thereto.

The Commission of Inquiry may also hold such inquiry or perform such other functions as are necessary or incidental thereto.

The Commission shall inquire into the detailed particulars pertaining to the aforesaid matters along with such other incidental and ancillary matters thereto that shall be placed before it during the inquiry.

The Commission shall submit its report to the Government on or before 31st March, 1991.

And whereas the Government of Goa is of the opinion that having regard to the nature of the inquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case, all the provisions of sub-section (2), sub-section (3), sub-section (4), and sub-section (5) of section 5 of Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 should be made applicable to the said Commission, the Governor of Goa hereby directs that all the said provisions shall apply to the said Commission.

The Commission shall have its Headquarters at Panaji but may also visit such place or places which may be necessary in furtherance to the inquiry.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

D. V. Sathe, Under Secretary to the Government of Goa, (PWD).

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